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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : Inspection of Personal Effects, [REDACTED]
REFERENCE : Memo dtd 29 Jan 54 to IG fr C/MPD, same subject.

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1. Apparently the [REDACTED] failed to charge [REDACTED] with Government property. Hence, it is difficult to determine from the record whether the property in question belongs to the Government or not and wilful misappropriation is difficult, if not impossible, to prove.

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2. First of all, this case indicates a laxity of responsibility and accountability for the control of Agency material in the [REDACTED] Mission. The Logistics Office now has a task force in Europe whose mission it is to make an inventory of all Agency material and to put in force procedures which will provide for the proper accountability and control thereof. Such procedures will cover the procurement of all Agency material. No further action with respect to this point seems to be necessary.

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3. To me it would appear that [REDACTED] did not use the ordinary, prudent care expected of an officer of his grade and responsibility in determining what was Government property and what was his own. Furthermore, his explanations, as reflected in the referenced paper, are exceedingly weak in too many instances and tend to excuse him by relating the circumstances under which property in question could be his without indicating that it is. I would expect the ordi-

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[REDACTED]

4. This incident also raises the question as to the propriety of the Military Personnel Division approving of these actions without reference to other Agency components. The Military Personnel Division is a military unit with a Commanding Officer, etc. However, in CIA the Commanding Officer of that unit occupies quite a different position from that of the normal military commander. His unit is a ser-

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vice unit and exercises little, if any more, command authority of military personnel than does the remainder of the Office of Personnel over civilian personnel.

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5. It is recommended that the Inspector General investigate this case thoroughly to establish the facts clearly and either exonerate [REDACTED] or recommend appropriate disciplinary action. As a by-product of the investigation, the responsibility and authority of the Military Personnel Division in this and similar matters should be determined.

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